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SUBJ: HOMELANDS CONSOLIDATION PLANS ADVANCE

REF : CAPE TOWN A-30

1. MINISTER OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT  
M. C. BOTHA ANNOUNCED APRIL 27 THAT " FINAL " PLANS  
FOR THE TERRITORIAL CONSOLIDATION OF SIX AFRICAN HOMELANDS  
( OUT OF POSSIBLE TEN ) HAD BEEN REFERRED TO HOUSE OF  
ASSEMBLY AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON BANTU AFFAIRS. THIS  
IS FIRST STEP IN LEGISLATIVE PROCESS WHICH, GOVERNMENT  
CONFIDENTLY EXPECTS, WILL SET SEAL ON LONG AWAITED  
MAP OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT.

2. PLANS FOR VENDA, LEBOWA, GAZANKULU, SWAZI, BASOTHO  
QWA QWA AND KWA ZULU HOMELANDS WERE TABLED APRIL 27.  
PLAN FOR BOPHUTHATSWANA WAS " STILL BEING WORKED ON",  
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ACCORDING TO MINISTER. CISKEI CONSOLIDATION PLAN WAS APPROVED AT 1972 PARLIAMENTARY SESSION ( CAPE TOWN A-53, JUNE 2, 1972). PLANS FOR TRANSKEI AND NDEBELE HOMELANDS NOT YET KNOWN.

3. AMONG FEW DETAILS DISCLOSED BY BOTHA WAS FACT THAT MORE THAN 360,000 BLACKS AND AN UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF WHITES WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BE RELOCATED TO IMPLEMENT CONSOLIDATION PLANS. NEARLY TWO MILLION HECTARES WOULD BE EXCHANGED BY BLACK AND WHITE AREAS, WITH HOMELANDS GAINING NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND HECTARES IN THE PROCESS, HE SAID. BOTHA COULD NOT " EVEN GIVE A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF THE TIME OR THE MONEY INVOLVED" IN THIS EXERCISE. INTERESTINGLY, HE INDICATED THAT VENDALAND WOULD LOSE " UNINHABITED" AREA ALONG RHODESIAN / SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER NOW USED FOR " MILITARY EXERCISES" BY SAG. VENDA GOVERNMENT WAS " NOT AT ALL CONCERNED" BY THIS LOSS, ACCORDING TO BOTHA, WHICH WAS MORE THAN COMPENSATED BY TERRITORIAL ADDITIONS ELSEWHERE.

4. COMMENT: SAG IS PROCEEDING WITH CONSOLIDATION PLANS IN FACE OF AVOWED OPPOSITION OF THREE OF MOST IMPORTANT HOMELAND LEADERS, BUTHELEZI ( KWA ZULU), MATANZIMA ( TRANSKEI) AND MANGOPE ( BOPHUTHATSWANA), WHO SAY THAT GOVERNMENT MUST HAND OVER MUCH MORE " WHITE" TERRITORY TO PROVE SINCERITY OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT. OPPOSITION UNITED PARTY ALSO REJECTS CONSOLIDATION AS IRRELEVANT AND SELF- DEFEATING EXERCISE IN CONTEXT OF SOUTH AFRICA' S MOUNTING URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL PROBLEMS. CONSOLIDATION DEBATE IN AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT, THEREFORE, PROMISES TO BE HOT ONE WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNTRY' S FUTURE POLITICAL STABILITY.  
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